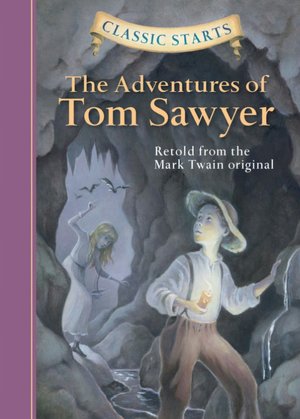
**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer:**

**Retold from the Mark Twain Original**

Grade Band 6-8 Reading Level 1.5



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**Chapters 1-3**

Tom lived with his Aunt Polly. She was angry at him for stealing food. As a punishment, she told Tom to paint their **fence**. Tom did not want to paint the **fence**. He wanted to go on **adventures** with his friends. So Tom tricked another boy into painting the **fence** for him. Tom did not follow the **rules**.

The next day Tom went to Sunday school. His grandmother made him go even though he hated it. There was a new girl in his class named Becky. Tom liked her and wanted to show off. He tried to win a **prize**, but his plan did not work. Tom did not follow the **rules**.

The next day on his way to school Tom ran into Huckleberry Finn. Huck did not have to go to school, so Tom was not supposed to play with him. Tom did not care. He liked playing with Huck. Tom and Huck made plans to go to the graveyard that night. Tom did not follow the **rules**.

**Chapters 4-6**

One day at school, Tom told Becky he **loved** her. Later, Becky found out that she was not the first girl Tom **loved**. Becky was angry, so she ignored Tom. Tom was upset and ran away from school. Tom was upset.

That night Tom and Huck walked to the **graveyard**. They saw three men who were up to no good. The three men were Joe, Muff, and a **doctor**. Later that night while Muff was asleep, Joe killed the **doctor**. Muff woke up and saw that the **doctor** was dead. Muff was told that he killed the **doctor**. Before the men saw them, the boys ran away. They agreed not to tell anyone what they saw. Tom was upset.

The next day everyone heard that the **doctor** was dead. Joe **lied** and told everyone that Muff killed the **doctor**. Huck and Tom were afraid to tell the truth. They thought that Joe would hurt them too. Tom was upset.

**Chapters 7-9**

Back at school, Becky still would not talk to Tom. In class, she was looking at the teacher’s book. Becky accidently ripped a page. Tom told the teacher he ripped it, so he was punished. This made Becky like him again. Tom tried to help others.

That summer, Muff’s **trial** started. Tom felt sorry for Muff because he knew that Muff was innocent. So, Tom told everyone that he saw Joe kill the doctor. Joe jumped out the window of the **courtroom** so he would not get caught. Tom tried to help others.

Many people thought Tom was a **hero** for telling the truth. Huck was upset that Tom broke their **promise** to keep it a secret. But, they were both scared of Joe. Tom tried to help others.

**Chapters 10-12**

As the days passed, Tom and Huck became less scared. One night they went to a haunted house to look for **treasure**. While upstairs, they heard two men walk into the house. One of the men was Joe! He was talking about a **dangerous** plan to bury lots of **gold**. Tom had an adventure.

Tom and Huck wanted to find the buried **gold**. They overheard Joe say that it would be near a cross and the number 2. The boys decided to look in a hotel since the 2 could be a room number. At the hotel, Joe was sleeping in a room. They decided to come back later to look for the **gold**. Tom had an adventure.

At the end of summer, Tom went to a school picnic near a **cave**. The children played hide and seek. Tom and Becky got lost in the **cave**. Tom had an adventure.

Meanwhile, Huck was at the hotel. He followed Joe. Joe was going to a woman’s house. Huck was afraid Joe was going to hurt her so, Huck ran to get help. Tom had an adventure.

**Chapters 13-15**

The next morning everyone looked for Tom and Becky near the cave. Tom and Becky were tired and hungry. Tom heard voices inside the cave. He followed the voice and found Joe hiding. Joe ran away. Tom was **safe** with his treasure.

Finally, Tom found a way out of the cave. They were **safe**. Joe did not find his way out of the cave, so he died there. The boys thought that his gold was in the cave. Tom and Huck went back to the cave and found the treasure. Tom was **safe** with his treasure.

Huck did not want the treasure, so he gave it all to Tom. Huck just wanted to live in the **woods**. Tom put the gold in the **bank**. He knew he would have many more adventures with Huck. Tom was **safe** with his treasure.

Tom Sawyer Vocabulary Definitions

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**Essential Vocabulary**

Important vocabulary

Fence- a wooden structure that goes around a yard

**Adventure- an exciting experience or activity**

**Rules- a guide for how to behave**

Loved- felt strong affection for someone else

Graveyard- a cemetery; a place where dead people are buried

Doctor- a person trained to help sick people heal

**Lied- said something that is not true**

**Trial- the hearing and judgment of a court case**

Courtroom- a room in which a trial is held

Hero- a person admired for doing great things that help others

**Promise- saying that you will or will not do something**

**Treasure- wealth; money, jewels, or precious metals**

Dangerous- something that may cause injury or harm

Gold- a yellow metal that is valuable

**Cave- an open area under the ground**

**Safe- free from danger or harm**

Woods- a large group of trees, usually smaller than a forest

Bank- a place where money is kept

Definitions adapted from www.wordcentral.com

**Tom Sawyer Vocabulary Object List**

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| **Vocabulary** | **Object** |
| Fence | Play or toy fence |
| Adventure | Map, Compass |
| Rules | List, Class rules |
| Loved | Hug, Demonstrate holding hands, Heart |
| Graveyard | Halloween decorations, Tombstone |
| Doctor | Stethoscope |
| Lied | Cross fingers |
| Trial | Gavel |
| Hero | Action figures |
| Promise | Cross heart, Raise right hand, Pinky swear |
| Treasure | Toy chest with toy coins, gold, jewels |
| Dangerous | Caution Tape, Textured caution sign |
| Gold | Toy gold pieces |
| Cave | Mineral rock (with a hole) |
| Safe | Helmet |
| Woods | Stick, Toy trees |
| Bank | Play or real money, Toy cash register |

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| **Lied**  **C:\Users\Lipschutz\Desktop\pinocchio.jpg** | **Trial** | **Courtroom** |
| **Hero** | **Promise** | **Treasure** |

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| **Safe**  **C:\Users\lemonte\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\4LKMQY5S\MC900441803[1].png C:\Users\lemonte\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\ZE7PQYLQ\MP900422802[1].jpg** | **Woods** | **Bank** |